Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 to 25 as set forth hereinafter. Please cancel claims 26 to 27 and add new claims 28 to 31.

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- (Currently Amended) A composition which comprises comprising:
 one or more hydrolases, and
 - (a) one or more antioxidants which are selected from the group of vitamins having antioxidant activity, carotenoids, selenium-containing substances, and ubiquinones.
 - (b) one or more amino acids,
 - (c) one or more polysaccharides, or
 - (d) combinations thereof.
- 2. (Currently Amended) A <u>The</u> composition <u>of claim 1 comprising</u> which comprises one or more hydrolases and one or more amino acids.
- 3. (Currently Amended) A <u>The</u> composition <u>of claim 1 comprising</u> which comprises one or more hydrolases and one or more polysaccharides.
- 4. (Currently Amended) A <u>The</u> composition <u>of claim 1 comprising</u> which comprises one or more hydrolases, one or more amino acids and one or more polysaccharides.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in of claim 1, characterized National Stage of PCT/EP2004/005213

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in that it comprises <u>further comprising</u> one or more polyphenols, one or more flavonoids and/or one or more flavonoid-containing substances.

- 6. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1 or 5, characterized in that it comprises of claim 5 comprising one or more amino acids and/or one or more polysaccharides.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in any of claims 2, 3 and 4, which comprises of claim 1, wherein said composition comprises one or more hydrolases and one or more amino acids; one or more hydrolases and one or more polysaccharides; or one or more hydrolases, one or more amino acids and one or more polysaccharides, further comprising one or more flavonoids and/or one or more flavonoid-containing substances.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that of claim 1, wherein the hydrolase(s) involved are plant proteases and/or animal proteases.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in of claim 8, characterized in that wherein the plant protease(s) is/are selected from bromelain, bromelain-containing pineapple extracts, papain, papain-containing papaya extracts or combinations thereof, and in that the animal protease(s) is/are selected from trypsin and or chymotrypsin or combinations thereof.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in any of claims 1 and 5 to 9, characterized in that of claim 1, wherein the vitamin(s) having antioxidant activity is/are selected from vitamin A, C and E and or the esters of vitamin A and

E.

- 11. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in any of claims 1 and 5 to 10, characterized in that of claim 1, wherein the selenium-containing substance(s) having antioxidant activity is/are selected from selenium yeast, alkali metal selenites such as sodium selenite, alkaline earth metal selenites such as magnesium selenite, or ammonium selenite, and or the corresponding selenates.
- 12. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in any of claims 5 to 11, characterized in that of claim 5, wherein the flavonoid(s) is/are selected from flavones, flavonols, flavanols, or isoflavanols.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 12, where of claim 5, wherein the flavonoids comprise quercetin, rutin, hesperetin, pinocembrin, taxifolin, chrysin, luteolin, kaemperol, and/or rhamnetin.
- 14. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in any of claims 5 to 11, where of claim 5, wherein the flavonoid-containing substance(s) is(are) selected from is/are onion powder, buckwheat extracts, grapeseed flavonoids and or citrus flavonoids.
- 15. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in any of claims 1, 5, 6 and 8 to 14, where of claim 1, wherein said composition comprises the ubiquinone is coenzyme Q10.
- 16. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in any of claims 1, 5, 6 and

8 to 15, where of claim 1, wherein the carotenoids comprise carotene, lycopene, neurosporin, phytofluene, phytoene, xanthophyll, violaxanthin, crocetin, astaxanthin, and/or capsanthin.

- 17. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in any of claims 2, 4, 6 to 16, characterized in that of claim 2, wherein the amino acid(s) is(are) selected from is/are L-arginine, and its acid addition salts of L-arginine, glycine, L-glutamine, and its amides of L-glutamine, L-methionine or combinations thereof.
- 18. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in any of claims 3, 4, 6 to 17, characterized in that of claim 3, wherein the polysaccharide(s) are selected from amylose, pustulan, dextran, amylopectin, cellulose, arabans, fructans, glucans such as β-glucan, mannans, glycogen, chitin, pectins or combinations thereof.
- 19. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, which comprises of claim 1 comprising papain, bromelain, lycopene, vitamin E acetate, vitamin A acetate and sodium selenite as active constituents.
- 20. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 5, which comprises of claim 5 comprising papain, bromelain, lycopene, vitamin E acetate, β-carotene, grapeseed flavonoids and sodium selenite as active constituents.
- 21. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 5, which comprises of claim 5 comprising papain, bromelain, vitamin E acetate, a rutin-containing buckwheat extract, quercetin-containing onion powder and L-arginine as active constituents.

- 22. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 6, which comprises of claim 6 comprising papain, bromelain, β-carotene, citrus flavonoids, β-glucan and L-arginine as effective constituents.
- 23. (Currently amended) The composition as claimed in any of claims 19 to 22, which comprises: of claim 9 comprising trypsin or chymotrypsin or pepsin; trypsin
 - + and chymotrypsin; trypsin + and chymotrypsin + and pepsin; chymotrypsin
 - + and pepsin; trypsin + and pepsin.
- 24. (Currently Amended) A food product for food supplementation, in particular a supplementary balanced diet, for strengthening the immune defenses or the body's defenses, for treating inflammatory and inflammatory rheumatic disorders, for regulating the immune system in situations of physical and/or mental stress, for strengthening the immune system before, during and/or after an oncolytic treatment or for reducing the risk of tumor recurrences and secondaries, which comprises a comprising the composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 23 or consists of such a composition of claim 1, wherein said food product contributes to a balanced diet, strengthens the immune defenses or the body's defenses, treats inflammatory and inflammatory-rheumatic disorders, regulates the immune system in situations of physical and/or mental stress, strengthens the immune system before, during and/or after an oncolytic treatment or reduces the risk of tumor recurrences and secondaries.
- 25. (Currently Amended) A medicament which comprises a composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 23 or consists of such a composition, comprising the composition of claim 1, wherein said medicament for strengthening

strengthens the immune defenses or the body's defenses, for treating treats inflammatory and inflammatory-rheumatic disorders, for regulating regulates the immune system in situations of physical and/or mental stress, for strengthening strengthens the immune system before, during and/or after an oncolytic treatment or for reducing reduces the risk of tumor recurrences and secondaries.

26. - 27. (Cancelled)

- 28. (New) A dietetic treatment method comprising administering to a patient in need for such a treatment the composition of claim 1.
- 29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein said administration contributes to a balanced diet, regulates the immune system in situations of physical and/or mental stress, strengthens the immune defenses or the body's defenses, treats inflammatory and inflammatory-rheumatic disorders, strengthens the immune system before, during and/or after an oncolytic treatment or reduces the risk of tumor recurrences and secondaries.
- 30. (New) A method for supplementing a persons food comprising administering to such a person the composition of claim 1.
- 31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein said administration contributes to a balanced diet, regulates the immune system in situations of physical and/or mental stress or strengthens the immune defenses or the body's defenses.